IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.K.BASHEER

FRIDAY, THE 23RD MARCH 2007 / 2ND CHAITHRA 1929

WP(C).No. 9981 of 2007(L)

PETITIONER:

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1. BSNL PERSONAL STAFF ASSOCIATION,
   CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS, E-502,
   PRANEY NAGAR, RAM MANDIR ROAD EXTN.,
   BORIVLI, BOMBAY REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT
   SRI. RAJAN.G, S/O LATE GEEVARGHESE VARGHESE.

2. SRI. MICHEL JOSEPH, STENOGRAPHER,
   OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER TELECOM,
   BSNL BHAVAN, ALAPPUZHA-688 001.

3. SRI. C.N.UDAYAKUMAR, STENOGRAPHER,
   OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL GENERAL MANAGER TELECOM,
   BSNL BHAVAN, KALATHILPARAMBIL ROAD, ERNAKULAM,
   KOCHI-16.

BY ADV. SRI.SANTHOSH MATHEW

RESPONDENTS:

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1. BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED,
   CORPORATE OFFICE, STATESMAN HOUSE,
   BHARAKAMBA ROAD, NEW DELHI-01
   REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR.

2. THE CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR,
   BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED, CORPORATE OFFICE,
   STATESMAN HOUSE, BHARAKAMBA ROAD,
   NEW DELHI-01.

BY SRI K.KESAVANKUTTY, SC, BSNL

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 23/03/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

A.K. BASHEER, J.

W.P.(C) No.9981 of 2007

DT. MARCH 23, 2007

JUDGMENT

Petitioner No.1 is an association of employees representing the personal staff in the Bharath Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (for short, the company). Petitioners 2 and 3 are stated to be stenographers working in the company.

2. The grievance of the petitioners appears to be that they have been stagnating in the post of stenographers for long and thus their promotional avenues are being adversely affected. I do not propose to deal with the above and other contentions raised by the petitioners at this stage in view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners at the Bar. It is submitted that petitioners will be satisfied if an appropriate direction is issued to the 2nd respondent to consider and dispose of Ext.P17 representation. Learned standing counsel for the company submits that an appropriate decision on Ext.P17 will be taken expeditiously.

3. In the above facts and circumstances this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the 2nd respondent to consider and pass orders on Ext.P17 representation strictly on its merit and in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, within four months from the date of receipt of a copy

of this judgment. An authorised representative of the petitioners shall be afforded sufficient opportunity to be heard before any decision is taken. The petitioners shall produce a copy of this judgment along with a copy of the writ petition before the 2nd respondent for compliance.

A.K.BASHEER, J.

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